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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is submitted in response to a final Office Action having a mailing date of October 19, 2007 and a statutory period for response set to expire on January . 19, 2008.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.